

Tracking the Nation's Groundwater Reserves

— issues facing current and future water supplies

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 Groundwater is among the Nation's most important natural resources, essential for drinking water, agriculture, industry, and the health of ecosystems throughout the country

- During the past 50 years, groundwater depletion has spread from isolated pockets to large areas in many countries throughout the world
- What are the issues involved, how much groundwater do we have left, and are we running out?
 - Scientists are discovering more about where our Nation's groundwater resources are most stressed, and where they are most available for future supply

